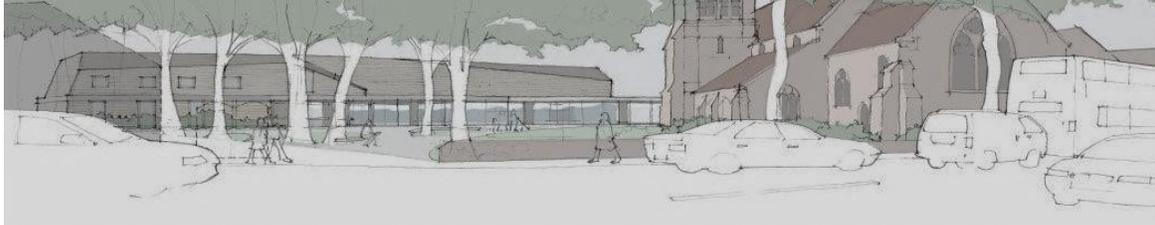


**All Saints Parish Church, Kings Heath
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
24th September 2017**



Welcome to all visitors. Everyone is welcome to coffee after the service

The Kingdom by R. S. Thomas
It's a long way off but inside it
There are quite different things going on:
Festivals at which the poor man
Is king and the consumptive is
Healed; mirrors in which the blind look
At themselves and love looks at them
Back; and industry is for mending
The bent bones and the minds fractured
By life. It's a long way off, but to get
There takes no time and admission
Is free, if you purge yourself
Of desire, and present yourself with
Your need only and the simple offering
Of your faith, green as a leaf.

Services this Week: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am
Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday: Holy Communion 11.30am

Services next Week: Harvest

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Worship

6.30pm Evening Prayer

COLLECT :

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jo-

nah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Philippians 1: 21 – 30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20: 1-16

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of

the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

MEDITATION:

"The last will be first and the first will be last" (Matthew 20:16)

PRAYERS:

WE PRAY FOR:

- Sarah and Andrew married here last weekend and Alison and Tim married here yesterday
- Mexico city wounded by earthquake
- islands wounded by hurricanes
- countries wounded by insults, sanctions or abusive leadership
- minorities wounded by prejudice
- we remember before God those who are ill Eleanor, a young woman making decisions about cancer treatment, Huxley Brennan, Lovetta Campbell, Val Hems, Josephine Hickin, Kathryn

Steventon, Helen Ross, Helen McMahon and those for whom we regularly pray Pat Dyer, Carol Fallon, Rachel Hope, Jacqui Brown and all who live at Rosemary Lodge.

- we remember those who have died Joan Mendham, Vi Pitcher and Thomasina Price and in our Year's Mind Marjorie Quittenden, Marjorie Wilson, Rosalind & Norman Selwyn-Smith, Frank Adams, Harry Jefford, Maimie Wood, Robert Morgan and Clem Jones

R.I.P.

Joan Mendham died at home on Wednesday 20th September.
Details of the funeral arrangements to follow. Please remember Brenda, Joan's sister, and Hilary, her stepdaughter, in your prayers.

Political Night Prayer 7.30 -9.00pm today Sunday Sept 24th at Cotteridge Church, B30 3EJ. Theme: Climate change. All welcome, please bring a plastic bottle for recycling if you can. 'Political Night Prayer brings together our concerns about the world and our hope in God's future. Info Ruth Tetlow 0121 449 4892.'

Last chance to get 10% off Crafts and card orders. Gill and John will be going to the Traidcraft Roadshow on Wednesday 27th September in Manchester. Put your order in today or email gill.parkin@blueyonder.co.uk by Tuesday 26th to get 10% off.

Breaking News In Bethlehem! King Herod wants to control the news, but strange things are happening and the truth must be told! We are looking for singers and actors aged between 7-12, to take part in a new musical to be performed at the Christmas Eve Crib service. Rehearsals to take place on Sundays 3.30-5pm in November and December. There will also be a preliminary meeting on Sunday October 29th to give a taster of the story and to audition for parts. Please email sarahbaker73@gmail.com to register interest.

Quaker Week: 1st-8th October. Informal discussions and talks to find out about Quakers and yourself. All events free. See noticeboard for more details

Junk Jumble and Book Sale Saturday 14 October 2017 Following on from the success of our first Jumble Sale we are holding another one on 14th October. We need help in leafleting, sorting, setting up, helping and packing up. We also need donations especially of clothes. Please sign up on the board at the back of church with offers of help or contact Sarah 07914667651, Des Workman 0121 443 5292 or any of the Social and Fundraising Committee. Thank you

Date for your diary: The next Family Day in autumn is based on 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson, and is on Saturday 30th September. Emily will need helpers to plan and prepare the day with her, and help on craft tables /set-up and pack-down on the day. Please let her know if you're available.

All Saints Badminton Club welcomes new members **FIRST NIGHT FREE**- come and give us a try we are a friendly club with one hall. We play mixed doubles every Wednesday 8 pm until 10 pm. all abilities welcome. We have a seasonal rate or £5 per session you will normally get at least three games sometimes more. For more information tel Steve or Zena on 01905 772171 or just turn up.

It's PANTOMIME time! We are looking for people who would like to be involved in the All Saints production of Cinderella, to be performed on Saturday 3 February 2018. If you're interested in acting, singing, dancing, making costumes, organising props, doing the sound or lighting, or anything else, please do let us know – we'd love to have you involved. Sunday afternoon rehearsals start in October, with a casting and production meeting at 15:00 on Sunday 17 September. Clare, Ben & Fiona (allsaintspantomime@gmail.com / 07929 593097)

Joyce Rimmer – Drawings from Sept 3 - Oct 15 2017

Joyce was born in 1932 in Gloucestershire .She will be **85 in September** Even though she had two brothers she was lonely , so she drew pictures.

In 1939 evacuees arrived in the village and her drawing stopped for a while because she had a friend.

She studied History at Bristol University and social work at the L.S.E and came to Birmingham as a probation officer in 1956. She worked in Summer Lane where The Birmingham Settlement was, of which she later wrote an 80 year history ' Troubles Shared ' After leaving the Probation Service in 1963 , she lectured at Birmingham University until 1992 .Joyce was a founder member of the Birmingham branch of Cruse Bereavement Care in 1974 and became Chair of the branch and later of the West Midlands Region . All Saints Community Arts is delighted to present some of Joyce's remarkable and witty drawings .

EARTHLY THINGS works by Sarah McWilliams 16 October - 10 December 2017. In the spirit of the Victorian 'Cabinet of Curiosities', objects have been collected together by way of exploring sentiment, nostalgia and the hoarding of personal relics . This series of works creates order from a hoard, excavated from belongings that have been collected, inherited and found. This fictional archive of 'ready mades' eludes to a narrative, suggestive of a fairytale; where keys once opened doors to other worlds and shoes transported the wearer to strange imaginary lands.

Sarah McWilliams completed her degree in Fine and Applied Arts at Ulster University in 2003, specialising in Lens Based Media. She subsequently trained to become a secondary school art teacher and currently works in the West Midlands. The exhibition is open daily from 9.00am - 5.00pm in The Welcome Space at All Saints Centre , Kings Heath and after church service on Sundays

Join 'All Saints Children and Families' group on Facebook, and follow @allsaintsfamily on Twitter for updates on our ministry with children and families

THE ROBIN CENTRE: TRUSTEE WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCE

ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Robin Centre needs to appoint an additional Trustee with special responsibility for the financial affairs of the charity.

Background

The Robin Centre is a day centre for older people which specialises in dementia care. It is located in the All Saints Centre and is part of the All Saints family of charities and organisations connected to the Centre.

The Robin Centre has over 80 paid-for service user places per week (16 per day) with capacity for 100. Numbers have been growing and finances appear to be reasonably healthy. We offer each day a programme of activities, entertainment and exercise, as well as providing a meal and other refreshments. We have seven staff, four of whom are part time. Our ability to offer service to users with dementia is an important distinction.

We are a registered charity (number 1161844) with a maximum of seven trustees, the majority of whom are to be appointed by the PCC of All Saints Church, though they need not be members of the Church or PCC. At present we have five trustees.

The finance role is currently held by Tony Price. He has carried this out very successfully since the charity was set up in May 2015, and prior to that had the same role for the All Saints Centre of which The Robin Centre was previously part. Tony's appointment expires in July 2018 and we need someone in a position to replace him.

The Role: The role of the Finance Trustee is as follows:

1. Principal bank account holder for the Charity and in ultimate control of all banking matters.
2. Oversight of financial transactions by Centre staff.
3. Preparation of financial reports to the Board for its meetings (approx. every 6 weeks)
4. Preparation of annual accounts for submission to the auditor.
5. Maintenance of proper systems of financial control.
6. Vigilance against any financial irregularities.
7. Principal contact with HMRC for Gift Aid submission.

Friday Evenings, with live music, in the Cafe The café is now open on Friday evenings until 9.30, for our usual meals, drinks, and cakes. We

have a varied programme of live music from 7 – 9pm, organised by Sarah Wright Owens, who is looking for performers if you would like the opportunity. Contact Sarah on sarah@singertrain.com.

Please see our board, or the different Facebook pages (Café, Village Square, or Church) to find out the programme for the week. Hope to see you there!

Communion: Gluten-free wafers are now available, please mention to a member of the clergy before the service if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer when taking Communion

ALL SAINTS

is a Fairtrade Church, see: www.fairtrade.org.uk

supports the Statement of Belief of 'Inclusive Church',

see: www.inclusivechurch.net

has signed the Living Wage Pledge, see: www.church-poverty.org.uk

belongs to the Christian Ecology Link, see www.christian-ecology.org.uk

is a Jubilee Congregation,

see www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

is affiliated to Amnesty International and Pax Christi

Recycling at All Saints: We recycle the following materials:

Old stamps for charity (main beneficiary is St. Mary's Hospice)

Redundant mobile phones for Christian Aid

Spare knitting wool

Clean jam jars required by Craft Group

please don't throw these items away – help a good cause

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Parking: Our site is wonderfully busy during the week. Grateful for that activity, then, this is a reminder to ourselves as congregation members that parking is not generally available at All Saints when the Medical Centre and Robin Centre are open. Apart from disabled parking, loading and unloading, we encourage church family to park elsewhere if at all possible.